

REMARKS

In response to the Notice of Allowance mailed June 16, 2009, Applicants respectfully request entry of the above amendments under 37 CFR § 1.312. This amendment is being filed prior to payment of the issue fee. The amendment only corrects formal matters in Claims 1, 45, and 46, and does not change the scope of allowed Claims 1, 3-5, 7-20, 45, and 46. Such amendment is proper after Allowance as recited in MPEP § 714.16, a portion of which is reproduced below.

After the Notice of Allowance has been mailed, the application is technically no longer under the jurisdiction of the primary examiner. He or she can, however, make examiner's amendments (see MPEP § 1302.04) and has authority to enter amendments submitted after Notice of Allowance of an application which embody merely the correction of formal matters in the specification or drawing, or **formal matters in a claim without changing the scope thereof**, or the cancellation of claims from the application, without forwarding to the supervisory patent examiner for approval (emphasis added).

The Examiner's Amendment included with the Notice of Allowance amended Claims 1, 6, 45, and 46. The content of the Examiner's Amendment was discussed on or about June 3, 2009. Applicants respectfully submit that the above amendment corrects formal matters in Examiner's Amendment. In particular, there appears to be several typographical errors with respect to the placement of "in response to" and the associated punctuation in Claims 1, 45, and 46. Applicants respectfully submit that the claims as presented in this amendment are in condition for allowance and respectfully request entry thereof.

If there are any additional charges with respect to this Amendment or otherwise, please charge them to Deposit Account No. 09-0457.

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